

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Zhaoyin Wang, <i>et al.</i>		
Serial No.:	To be assigned	Case No.:	MC072P
Filed:	October 21, 2003		
For:	NITRIC OXIDE RELEASING SELECTIVE CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITORS		

Art Unit:

Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The above-identified case is a PCT application entering the U.S. National phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Article 39(1) (a) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments prior to prosecution of the subject application. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE**  
DATE OF DEPOSIT April 4 2005  
EXPRESS MAIL NO. EL 989591717 US  
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS  
BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL  
SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL "POST OFFICE TO  
ADDRESSEE" BEFORE 5 P.M. ON THE ABOVE DATE IN  
AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C., 20231.  
MAILED BY [Signature]  
DATE April 4 2005